

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

To be held at THE BEECHES COMMUNITY CENTRE, Birch Court, Tuxford on Thursday 17th October 2024, commencing 6.59

PRESENT: Cllrs J Moorhouse, M Richards, J Temple (left at 9.09), R Walker and N Birkett, K Rutherford (late 7.17), E Atkin, I Nicholls

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk (L Donaldson), County Councilor Ogle and 7 members of the Public

FC118 Inform Members and the Public (if any in attendance) that the meeting is being recorded.

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FC119 Apologies for Absence: Cllr GF, LP, EW, EG. No apologies received for MH, SR,

RESOLVED: Reasons for apologies were given and accepted.

FC120 Declarations of Interest:

No declarations declared.

FC121 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th September 2024 (folio ref 2024/094-099)

RESOLVED: Proposed by RW, seconded by Cllr EA, all in favor that the minutes of the meeting held above, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved, and signed by the chairman as an accurate record.

FC122 Action Update from previous meeting

- 1. Newark Road Car Park** – This was to be deferred, no Karen Tarburton and without the funds for the valuation we cannot move forward. Cllr MR needs to liaise with Cllr SR to work out a proposal and discuss with KT for any funding options.
- 2. Pollution Meters** – Ongoing
- 3. Memorial** – Update from Cllr NB but not further forward with any response from the Archdeacon – ongoing
- 4. Damage Play Park** – There needs to be some Telegraph Poles sourced (MR) the wooden stepping stones have rotted. (Nottingham Sleeper Company)

5. **Peace Park** – memorial approved, swings replaced, benches and slabs changed by Estates. More works completed by Spring 2025, awaiting official transfer from BDC and KT to chase.
6. **Co Op** -The video footage needs to be obtained for Cllr Ogle and Cllr KR to deal.
7. **Notts County Council** – We are looking into funding for these signs as we must be 50% contribution, Cllr Ogle mentioned Community Fund
8. **Paint for Play Park** – Cllrs still wish to proceed however we are to refer to Tim Downes

FC123 To receive, accept and resolve to approve any recommendations contained within the Minutes of the following meeting, including to ratify action made by the Clerk.

Planning Committee 03rd October 2024 (2024/106-108)

RESOLVED: Proposed by MR, seconded by Cllr KR, all in favor.

Finance & Services 03rd October 2024 (2024/103-105)

RESOLVED: Proposed by JM, seconded by Cllr MR, all in favor.

FC124 District Councilor and County Councilor Reports – Cllr Emma Griffin sent a report of what she has been working on. Rural Grants, Walks of Life, events for mid November 2024. Shop Fund Grant for the Courtyard (Sally Mitchell), site visits from L Schuller and issues around CCTV discussed with a recommendation of a Tower with 360 degrees, lastly dealing with the flooding around Trentside.

Cllr Ogle had nothing to report and welcomed questions. Cllr RW thanked the Cllr for the Cinder Path support; we need to support this transition and if there has been any use of the path over however many years please report this. Cllr IN advised we should advise the school about the Cinder Path

FC125 Update – Town Plan and Neighborhood Plan

A report was produced for Councillors, there is a lack of sports facilities and amenities, the funding for these projects is ongoing however we need more members of the public to support the Council. We have the funding for the next tranche, and we have agreed a Call to Sites and support from Will Wilson, asking the consultant because we have to get a quote, and it is a slow process. We produced some Minutes from the last meeting, we need to look at what needs changing. Helen is currently on sick and when she has returned, we must get it all done before the end of March. We are on the final draft for the Traffic Survey. We have also highlighted a lack of equipment and where the cycleways should go.

Thanks were raised to Cllr RW by Cllr EA for the enormous amount of work and hours that have been put in with support from fellow councillors.

The Meeting will adjourn for questions from the Public, then re-convene for the following items.

A Tenant of the Allotments requested that they receive a response to a recent meeting and email, are dissatisfied with the support they received at the meeting. The Clerk to respond at the earliest opportunity.

ACTION Clerk to respond

A member of the public raised the policy of Co – Opting new members to the Council. It was advised that in the past we have always requested a prospective new Cllr to attend 2 meetings before joining to be fully aware and it is noted that two of the newest members were past Cllrs who had rejoined, and this was not required.

A member of the public raised concerns about the number of sandwich boards in the Town outside of the business premises. These should be removed at the close of business, only one per establishment, the fact that there is a Code of Conduct.

ACTION To obtain the Bassetlaw Licensing Guidelines. (KT and RFO)

A member of the Public raised an issue as to why the Chair or Vice Chair were not in attendance at a Public Meeting of the MOI. The member of the public was thanked for their comments, noted.

FC126 Finance

All the following paperwork was sent electronically to all members prior to the meeting and paper copies were given to the Chair to authorise in the presence of members and any public present.

a) To approve invoices for payment

Payments on the report attached at Appendix 'e' were approved and signed.

Bank Transfers totaling: £819.24

Direct Debits totaling: £376.70

Debit Card payments totaling: £167.51

Cheque payments totaling: £0.00.

Income received totaling: - £921.56

The bank account balance of £138,204.81 was approved and authorised.

RESOLVED: Cllr MR states he had checked through the above and agreed with the totals. Proposed by Cllr EA Seconded by Cllr RW, all in favor.

b) Bank Reconciliation/Budget Variation

Co-op Saving Account, £9,011.26 Hampshire Trust Bank £37,347.79 and £100.00 Petty Cash float.

The RFO gave all members an up-to-date report on the expenditure, receipts, variances up to and including 1st October 2024 which was sent in advance of the meeting.

RESOLVED: Cllr MR stated he had checked through the above and agreed with the totals.

- c) Precept – the Chair raised the proposed 7% increase to fellow Councillors as the first draft and asked for comments.

It was noted we still have to consider the purchase of The Beeches, and should we accept the Bassetlaw figures, Cllr KR states we should have the working party but we are still awaiting a Cabinet decision re the claw back before anything further. Cllr RW requested Karen Tarburton look at if we can access any of the 1 Mill fund to support any aspects of the purchase and upgrades with energy.

- d) Internal Audit - noted

FC127 Councillor Applications & Declaration of Office – an application from Mrs. C Cook has been received. Mrs. Cook spoke about why she wished to be a Cllr, has previously represented TTC and is involved with the community.

RESOLVED A Proposal by Cllr JM and Seconded by Cllr MR, Cllr JT abstained and all in favour.

FC128 Recycling Ollerton & Boughton – This is a company that originally could not help with the needs of the recycling for Tuxford, since that time it has become a condition that within a two-year period Bassetlaw will need to provide this service. The difficulty in the past has been where to site an Igloo. The ROB group have asked us to consider their service along with a grant application for £300.

RESOLVED A Proposal to decline the application and service and agreed to wait for BDC to initiate their service by Cllr MR and Seconded by Cllr IN, all in favour.

ACTION It was suggested that an Igloo for the interim period could be sited at The Fountain/land side of? RFO to enquire and look and asking BDC to supply an Igloo for recycling purposes.

FC129 Traffic Report A recap for HGV, funding from Central Government, going through the raw data, work out the HGV movements. A report to be published

There is consideration for Weight Limits/Design, 11 Titles of land (farming) and Cllr RW would like the landowners contacted, conclusion Ollerton Road, making sure it does not reach saturation point.

ACTION Cllr RW to provide a Report re Traffic. Secondly a letter to the landowners rather than find out third hand. Cllr RW and RFO, lastly Cllr RW to consider alternative/land/routes.

FC130 Armistice Report This can be posted onto Tuxford Chat to get support for 10th November 2024 and Cllr NB will lay the Wreath and write the card. It is noted that the Deli, Walks of Life are open and supporting this event. Currently there is no players for the Last Post.

FC131 To Review and Approve the following policies

Approved revised Privacy Policy
Sexual & General Harassment Policy
Child & Young Persons Protection

Grant Awarding

RESOLVED Proposed by Cllr JM and Seconded by Cllr RW, all in favour. It was confirmed that all councillors had read and understood the policy. Cllr MR wished to abstain from voting on the Sexual & General Harassment Policy.

FC132 Gilbert Avenue Playing Field A member of the public requested fixed goal posts, obtaining the posts is not the issue. The goal post positioning needs to be assessed for safety and fixing, however the local area is 'boggy' and very wet, and it would be advisable to discuss with the current football club for guidance. The Council has no funds available and would be happy to look at this project after the Winter and in the next budget. The siting of the posts needs to be checked to see if they are suitable and maybe looking at a different area of the field. Secondly there is an overgrown area at the top of the field that the members of the public would like improving for families. It was suggested by the Council that perhaps the community could look at setting up a working party to tidy the area and check for any wildlife issues, if any. The Council requested they show a suggested plan to obtain agreement and input.

FC133 Signage in Tuxford We are looking at Grants and Cllr Ogle kindly suggested Community Funding to look at.

FC134 UPDATE ON THE FOLLOWING Beeches Community Centre, Gilbert Avenue, Linden Avenue and Streetscene – Karen Tarburton kindly reported the following

- a) The Beeches is on the radar, the Clawback issue went to Cabinet and a decision will be made.
- b) Gilbert Avenue we have been looking at the Lease and the aspects of what TTC want and this does not seem to be an issue, potentially 35-year lease.
- c) Linden Avenue there has been a meeting and discussion with Tim.
- d) Streetscene there is the 1M and 500m is left after the shops and they must get an application in by the 1st of November. There has been discussions about lighting the Bridge, CCTV. There is going to be a speeding sign Ollerton Road, off A1, these will have to be solar power only as issues with electrical supply and expense. We will have to pay VIA for the design work and the money could come out of Streetscape. Highways England are ok with the Mural on the underpass and there is an Artist they already have used.

Karen Tarburton also commented that the Stalls are priced up, they need ordering, we need a trailer to move stalls. They are very sturdy, sending a design to streetscape funding and the weights will be disclosed. The Stalls come with back sheets, skirts and covers but not with lights. Battery operated lights would be recommended. The electricity supply has to be signed off, KT is borrowing battery lights for Christmas.

There is currently an underspend on the shop front project, and these could be deployed to other projects or maybe returned to Central Government.

ACTION Karen Tarburton and RFO to organise a Trailer for the Stalls at Christmas.

FC135 Clark Lane Park – It was suggested that we go to the business community, Rotary etc. for sponsorship/funding.

ACTION *All Cllrs, RFO and Clerk to approach the local community.*

FC136 Receive Items for Information and Future Agenda Items

It has been noted that the school undertaking the Bauble Competition requires the baubles to decorate for the 1st and 2nd classes and need 55-60 by mid-November. A request was put to Cllr CC if she had some available and likely yes.

The Chair reminded Cllrs to complete the Biodiversity Survey sent out to all.

Cllr IN states that the Hedge along the A1/Beeches requires cutting back, damaging cars.

FC137 Date of next meeting 21st November 2024

With there being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.17 pm

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE..... DATE